

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JIM KEANE**, on February 7, 2005 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Jim Keane, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Joe McKenney, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)  
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)  
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)  
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)  
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)  
Rep. Harry Klock (R)  
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)  
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch  
Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 469, 2/1/2005; HB 466, 2/1/2005  
Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 469**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. JON SESSO (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on **HB 469**, Revise Medicaid payment laws.  
00:02:28

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:08:45 Mike Calcaterra, Big Sky AMES

**EXHIBIT**(buh30a01)

00:14:14 Dan Harrington, Harrington Surgical Supply

00:17:45 Janna Jurovich, Jurls medical and Big Sky AMES

**EXHIBIT**(buh30a02)

00:20:55 Linda Iverson, Big Sky AMES, Kalispell Medical Equipment

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:23:04 Mary Dalton, Quality Assurance Division

**EXHIBIT**(buh30a03)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:34:57

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:59:03

REP. JONATHAN WINDY BOY, HD 32, BOX ELDER entered the meeting

**HEARING ON HB 466**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. ART NOONAN (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on **HB 466**, Revise workers compensation indemnity benefits.  
01:15:37

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:22:58 George Vaughn, Self, from Lewistown

01:28:54 Jed Fitch, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

**EXHIBIT**(buh30a04)

01:34:23 Dean Black, Attorney from Helena

01:36:30 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190

01:41:15 Darrell Holzer, AFL-CIO

01:42:21 Gene Federson, District Labors Council

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:42:43 George Wood, Montana Self Insurers Association

**EXHIBIT (buh30a05)**

01:48:27 Bob Nammensen, Sletton Construction, Great Falls

01:51:43 Darrell Miller, Miller's Post and Pole in Clancy

01:53:18 Aidan Myhre, Plum Creek

01:54:12 Marvin Jordan, Montana Contractors Compensation  
Fund

01:55:27 Bob Worthington, Montana Mutual Insurance  
Association

01:56:43 Spook Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association

01:58:32 Carl Schweitzer, American Subcontractors  
Association

01:59:03 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau

01:59:46 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

02:00:17 Charles Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce

02:00:48 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent  
Business

02:01:26 Barbara Ranf, Montana Chamber of Commerce

02:01:44 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

02:02:22 Rhonda Carpenter, Great Falls and Helena Chamber  
of Commerce

**Informational Testimony:**

02:03:05 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund

**EXHIBIT (buh30a06)**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:05:06

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:12:56

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:15 A.M.

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REP. JIM KEANE, Chairman

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KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([buh30aad0.PDF](#))**